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The claims have been amended to eliminate the multiple-dependency.

The priority history paragraph has been inserted on page 1. Original claims 1 to 14 have been cancelled. New claims 15 to 64 have been inserted.

Respectfully submitted,

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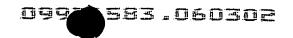
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## In the Specification:

The following priority history paragraph on page 1 between the title and the first line.

This is a 371 of International Application No. PCT/EP00/04333, field on May 12, 2000, that has benefit of European Patent Application No. 99810482.2, filed on June 2, 1999.

## In the Claims:

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